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Fig. 1.

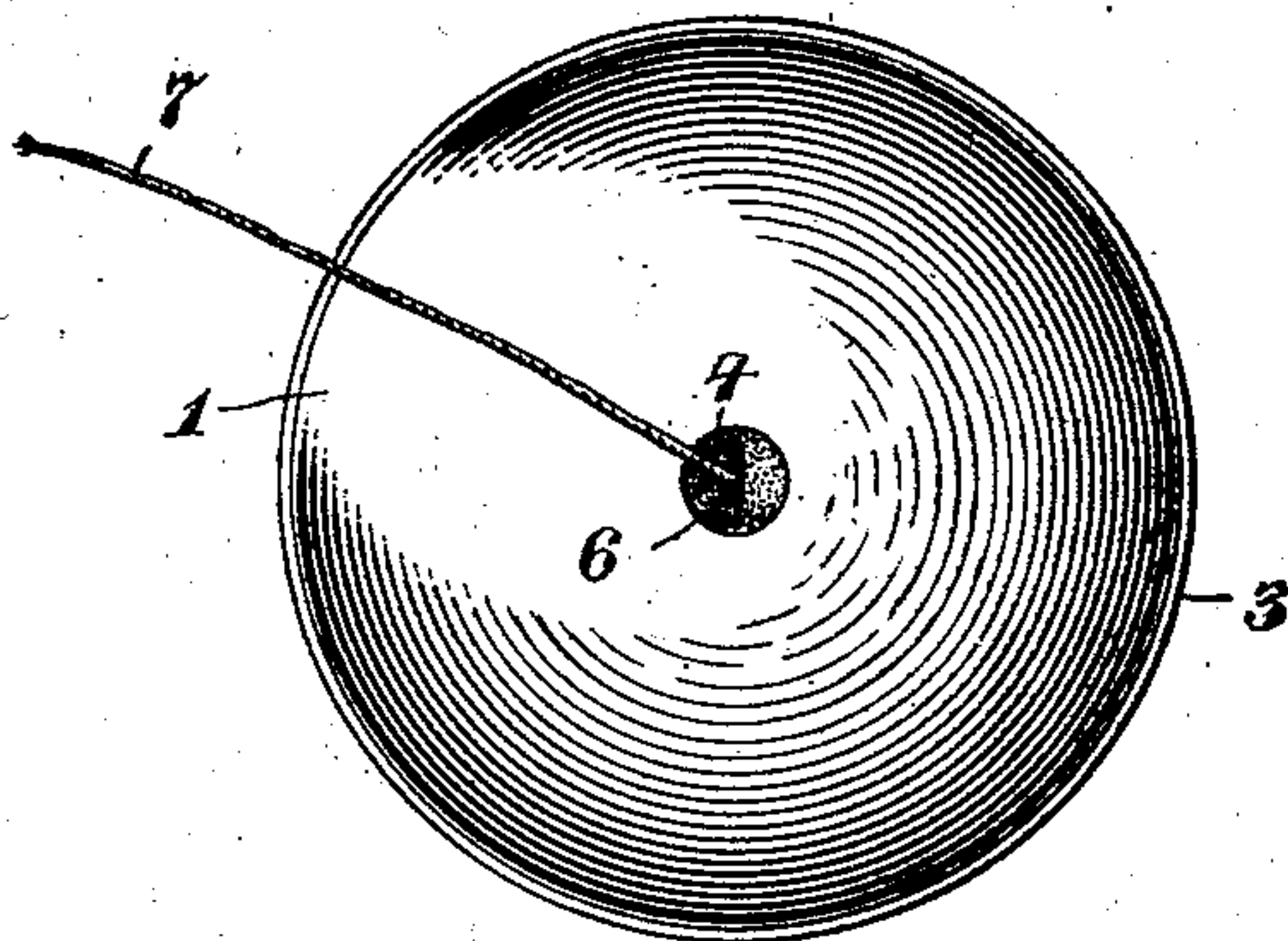
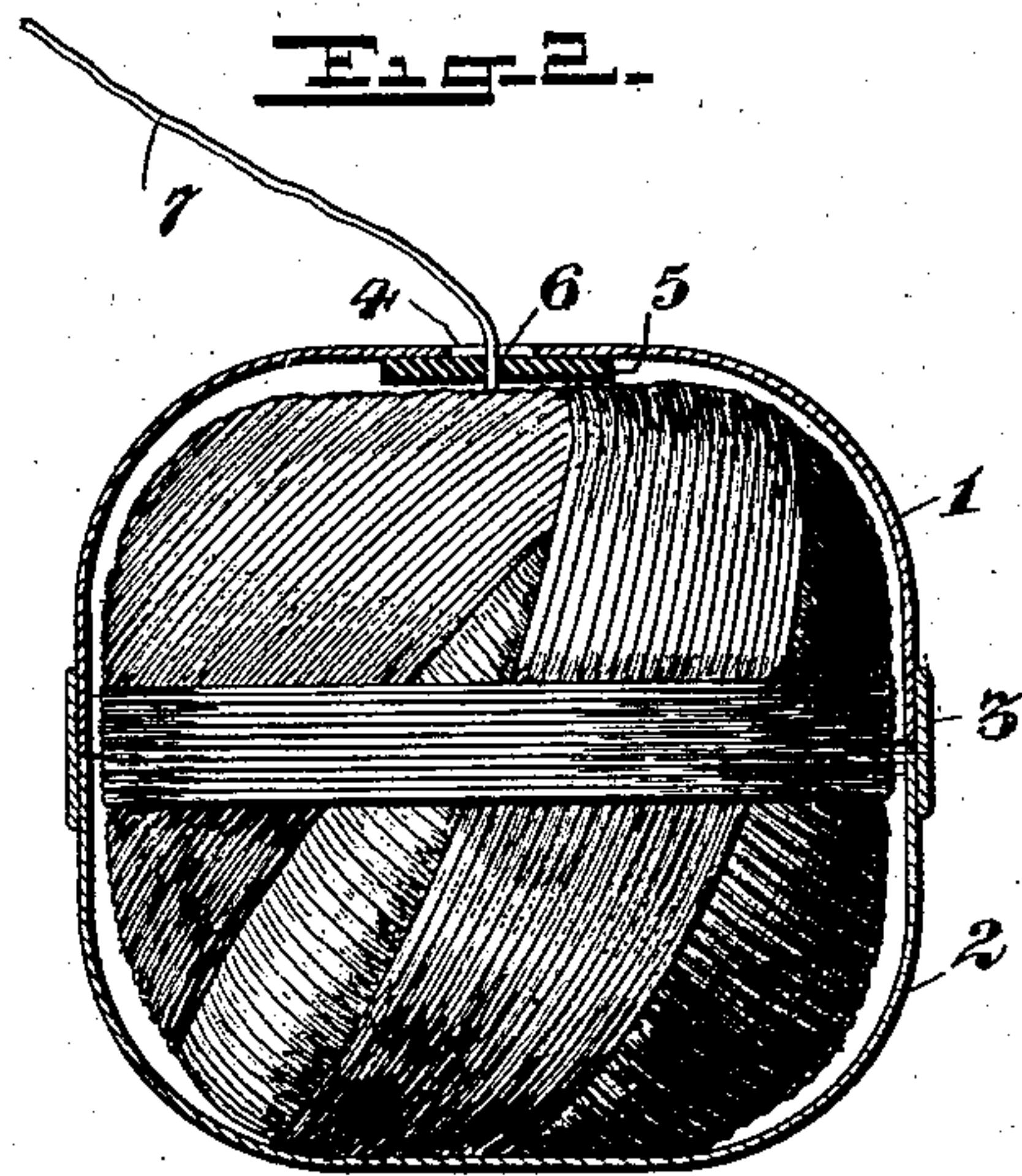


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED SHEDLOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jersey City, county of Hudson, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers or Holders for Balls of Twine or Similar Cordage, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprises a sheath or holder for a ball of twine or similar cordage carrying a friction device through which the cord passes, the walls of which are elastic and yield to permit the passage of knots or tangles. The cord passes direct from the ball between the walls of the friction device, the opening in the cover at which the friction device is applied being of relatively large dimensions, so that its walls will not oppose the passage of knots or tangles. Preferably the ball-inclosing sheath or envelop should be made of some very light and inexpensive material. I prefer that it should be composed of paper or papier-mâché pressed or molded in two sections. These sections may have abutting edges and be secured by a strip pasted around them or the edge of one may pass into the other and the two be secured by intervening adhesive material. Where the sheath is made of such light material, the friction upon the cord may be so great that the ball may be suspended by it. In use undesired lengths of cord need not be drawn from the holder, and should the ball while the cord is held slip from the hand or roll from a table it is checked by the friction.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view, and Fig. 2 a vertical central section.

As here shown, the ball-containing holder or envelop is composed of upper and lower sections 1 2, whose edges abut and are secured by a cemented strip 3.

4 is an aperture for the passage of the cord, and in or under this aperture is placed a friction device, which, as hereshown, is composed of a piece of rubber 5 or other suitable material having in it a slit 6, through which the cord 7, passing from the interior of the ball, is threaded. The somewhat elongated slit and the capacity of the edges or walls to yield permit of knots or tangles passing through should such occur in the interior of the ball of cord.

I claim as my invention—

A holder for a ball of cord, comprising a sheath or cover with an opening therein of sufficiently large size to permit free passage of knots and tangles, and yielding friction material placed across the opening, and having an elongated narrow opening therein of less width than the thickness of the cord which passes through it.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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